

# 1. Background & Introduction



# Project Purpose

The North Lake Union Master Plan is a study of potential future uses on three King County owned parcels in the North Lake Union area of Seattle. The parcels are referred to herein as the “Upland” parcel and the “Waterfront” parcel owned by King County Metro Transit, and the “Stone Way Pier” parcel, a county revenue property. *(See location map following page.)*

The North Lake Union Master Plan is a compilation of alternatives that will be used to advise on the future uses of the three study parcels. The Master Plan seeks to facilitate a long-term vision for county-owned properties in North Lake Union, and may help inform future decisions regarding the properties – including potential disposition actions. During April through August of 2004, a public Stakeholder Working Group convened to provide public input to the Master Plan. Documentation of the the Stakeholder Working Group is incorporated in this document. These actions are pursuant to the 2004 King County Budget Proviso for a North Lake Union Master Plan. *(See following page.)*

## Budget Proviso: For North Lake Union Master Plan

The primary impetus for this study is a King County Budget proviso concerning a master plan for County owned parcels used by the Metro Transit Division in North Lake Union. The King County Budget Proviso mandates that Metro Transit, as the agency responsible for the property known as the tank farm and other properties in the North Lake Union area shall assemble a working group to study and make recommendations for a North Lake Union long-term vision. Guidelines in the Proviso for this master plan include...

- *A vision for County owned North Lake Union properties shall focus on transportation infrastructure and land uses that link North Lake Union to other subareas.*

- *The North Lake Union Working group shall be made up of elected officials and staff from King County, City of Seattle and the State.*
- *The North Lake Union Master Plan should maximize the unique character of the Fremont and Wallingford neighborhoods and promote business, housing, transportation and the best public use of surrounding natural resources.*

The Stone Way Pier site was identified as an additional County-owned parcel in the vicinity, which should be considered during discussions for a North Lake Union long term vision.

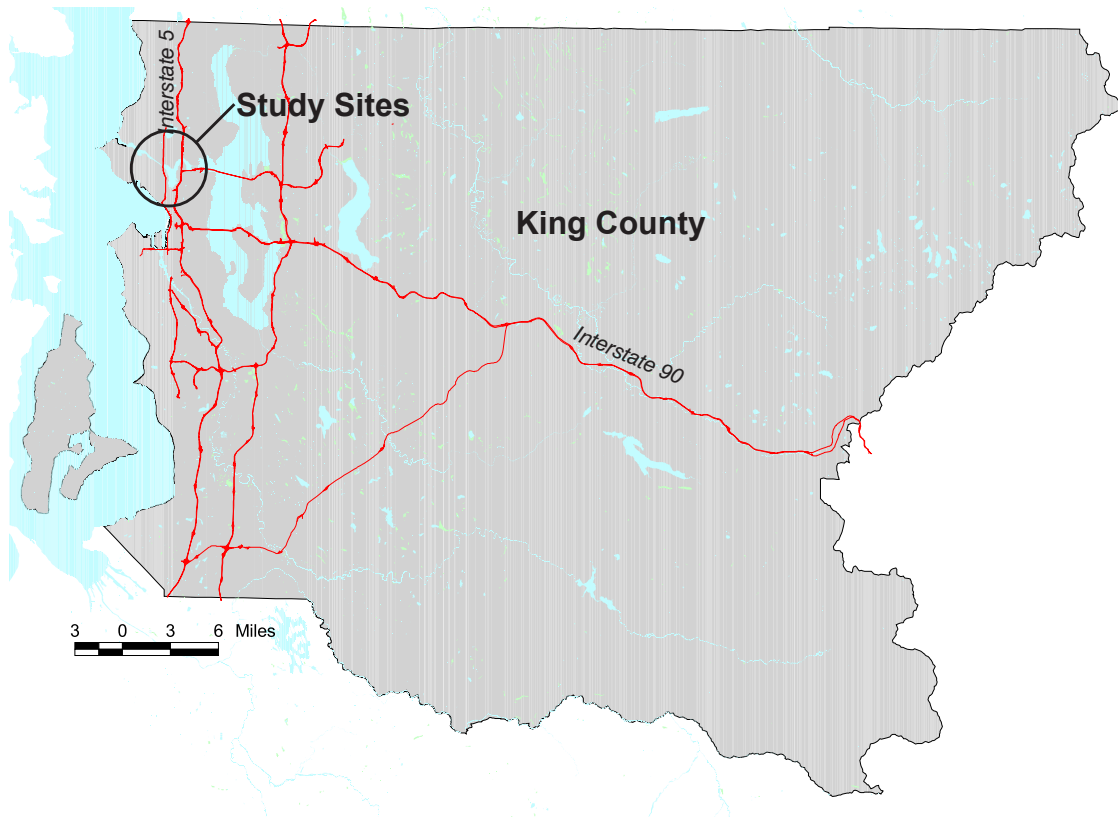
**Stone Way  
Pier Site**

**Waterfront  
Site**

**Upland  
Site**



*The three King County Master Plan study sites on the north shore of Lake Union.*



*Vicinity Map: The North Lake Union Master Plan study sites within King County*



## Master Planning & Stakeholder Working Group Process

The Budget Proviso called specifically for a public Stakeholder Working Group process in the preparation of a North Lake Union Master Plan. The following summarizes this process and the overall Master Planning process.

